

## WHO'LL GET BABY?

JUDGE REED WITHHOLDS HIS DECISION IN THE CASE.

Baby Taylor Plays with Pa's Watch but Papa Taylor will not get Baby—It will be either Ma's or Grandma's—Mrs. Taylor Introduces some very Reliable Witnesses who Testify to Her Good Character—Her Lady Friends are Emphatic—All Calvert Makes a Most Startling Confession.

The baby case was the chief attraction in the district court yesterday and it is not yet decided who will get baby Taylor.

When the evidence was all in yesterday Judge Reed said he would withhold his decision for the present and ordered the sheriff to keep Baby Taylor until his decision was rendered.

Judge Reed intimated that he wanted to consider whether the baby would be better left with its mother's grandmother but he said his mind was made up not to give it to its father.

The court was occupied with this case all the forenoon. Mr. Taylor sat on one side of the table by the side of his attorney Thornton W. Sargent, and Mrs. Taylor sat back of her attorney John Adams, on the opposite side of the table.

Mr. Taylor had the four-year old baby most of the time on his lap. He would allow it to play with his watch and there was an apparent effort to convey the impression that the baby loved more of its father than of its mother.

Mrs. Taylor never flinched during the time that the evidence seemed to be going against her but when John Adams in summing up the case told how Taylor had gone away before the baby was born and how Mrs. Taylor had tried for four long years to support herself and baby, Taylor having never contributed but ten dollars to the support of his wife and babe in all these four years Mrs. Taylor cried bitterly.

Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Taylor, insisted that her daughter was not fit to raise baby and Bill Gay the brother of Mrs. Taylor, told how his sister and a young man had remained nearly all night in a room together, but before he left the stand John Adams got the young man hot and he admitted that he had looked the young man and his sister in the room and they could not get out until they promised to let him alone.

Mrs. Taylor made a vigorous defense of her reputation and she had some good respectable witnesses who were very positive in their declarations on the witness stand that Mrs. Taylor's conduct in their presence had always been that of a Christian lady.

Among the witnesses introduced by Mrs. Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. Al Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. McCade. Each of whom testified that Mrs. Taylor had worked for them and in order to support herself and babe.

They all told the story that Mrs. Taylor was a hard working Christian woman. The women were very emphatic in their statements that they had never seen anything in her conduct unbecoming a lady.

The story of the chloroform smothered down was that some women were coming from church and some of them threw down a chloroform bottle and Bill Gay said his sister, Mrs. Taylor, was in the crowd.

There had been evidence introduced to show that Mrs. Taylor and Al Calvert were too much in each other's company. One young man told of seeing them in a room on South Fourth avenue, but John Adams hardly succeeded in weakening his testimony by commanding him to tell what place he himself visited on Fourth avenue and by getting him to admit that he had once been arrested.

Mrs. Taylor's attorney announced near the close "We have put that bad man on the stand, Al Calvert, that has been represented in such a bad light by some of these witnesses."

There was a loud roar from the crowd of most of the people in the court when Calvert took the witness stand. He proved to be an intelligent and very modest young man. He freely admitted going to church with Mrs. Taylor and said he had visited her several times a week some time.

He insisted that he never knew anything improper in the conduct of Mrs. Taylor and said he was a Christian member himself and was friendly with Mrs. Taylor and sympathized with her because she was in trouble.

Mr. Sargent asked him if he had not allowed Mrs. Taylor to sit on his lap on one occasion and young Calvert owned up that he had. The case, however, admitted that he did not allow Mrs. Taylor to sit on his lap because she was in trouble, but added that the people present knew she did not mean any harm.

Mr. Taylor's attorneys pressed young Calvert to the wall on this point and finally drove him to the startling confession that "he did not have the same very much objection to a woman sitting on his lap, anyway."

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TALK ABOUT HARD WORK.  
How Much Work He Did.

"An Evils Judge told me yesterday, doesn't he?" said a prominent citizen, pointing at Judge Reed, who was reclining in his easy chair on the bench. It was acknowledged that the judge was engaged in hunting news during a period in which people refuse to commit suicide, except or cut up any other existing paper. A few others chimed in with their tales of woe, what a terrible burden life was in their particular avocation, and wondering when fortune would be pleased to favor them with something easier. It was the same old story. Every individual thought he was the hardest worked man in town and that the other fellows had soft snags.

Pretty soon Judge Reed came off the bench for a moment's rest. He seemed to envy the other fellows and the line time they had done with him. After a little exchange of experiences it was acknowledged by all that the judge was probably, after all, the hardest worked man in the crowd. It may be news to the average reader, but it is a fact nevertheless, that during the seven years Judge Reed has occupied the bench he has tried to dispose of three fourths of all the cases tried during the organized history of the county.

"How many cases do you think I have tried?" said the judge.  
"Oh, about 800," said one.  
"Eight hundred your granny," said another; "I'll bet he has tried a 1,000."  
A thousand, said another with astonishment; "I'll bet that 500 would be near the mark."  
"You are all way off," said the judge. "I have disposed of nearly 1,000 cases." By reference to the files in the clerk's office the judge was proven to be correct. The judge has actually disposed of 12,000 cases of record and probably 2,000 cases that were not of record. Over five cases a day they all yielded the palm of industry to the judge, particularly when each case brought to his coffers a trifle over a dollar, not near as much as a country squire makes out of cases.

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